

spirited man was part of all our lives and resides in all our hearts."

Madam Speaker, I echo Joyce Goldfield's words. Duane Irving was a special man who knew how to direct his spirit and generosity when he saw he could make a difference for so many. His legacy is an inspiration to us all.

HONORING PHILLIP T. EASTMAN

HON. MICHAEL A. ARCURI

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. ARCURI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mr. Phillip T. Eastman, who passed away on July 29th of this year.

Mr. Eastman was born on August 2, 1932 and worked on his family's dairy farm as a child. He earned his Bachelor of Science Degree from Cornell University and his Master's Degree from the State University of New York at Albany.

Mr. Eastman honorably served in the United States Army during the Korean War, and upon his return, became a teacher and guidance counselor. He retired in 1989 from the New Hartford School District as the Director of Pupil Personnel Services.

Mr. Eastman was a tremendous asset to his community, as he dedicated his time and effort to helping others. He served as President of the New Hartford School Board, and as a member of my Veterans Advisory Committee. Mr. Eastman volunteered countless hours in assisting my office in evaluating hundreds of applicants for military academy nominations.

Mr. Eastman enjoyed playing golf and working in his wood shop, but he cherished nothing more than spending time with his family, especially at their camp in Cooperstown.

Madam Speaker, I call on my colleagues to join me in recognizing the great life and contributions of Mr. Phillip T. Eastman. Our country and community is a better place because of Phil's character, kindness and commitment to helping others. He will truly be missed.

HONORING A CAREER OF SERVICE AND SACRIFICE BY MR. ROBERT J. WINCHESTER

HON. GABRIELLE GIFFORDS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Ms. GIFFORDS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a great American and a great friend, Bob Winchester, who has served our country in uniform and as a dedicated member of our intelligence community for more than three decades. Bob is officially retiring this week from his post at the Pentagon where he has served in many positions but most recently as the face of U.S. Army Intelligence.

Bob has distinguished himself and brought honor to the Army through his exceptionally meritorious service to the Defense Department, the Intelligence Community (IC), and the Nation during a career that has spanned more than 36 years. And in recognition for his service, he will receive our government's highest honors for civil service from the Defense Department and the Director of National Intelligence.

Bob has consistently epitomized the consummate Military Intelligence professional even through the last nine years of increasingly demanding and critical leadership challenges.

Though he recently culminated his career of service as the Military Intelligence Portfolio Manager for the Office of Congressional Liaison, that post tells only part of the story of Bob's long career.

Well known and well respected, Bob spent 26 years as the face of Army Intelligence on Capitol Hill and as a trusted confidante for ten heads of the Army intelligence branch.

His long list of achievements and contributions are as varied as they were crucial. In the wake of the Iran Contra scandal in the 1980s, Bob was a key architect in developing legislation that changed the way our intelligence apparatus operated. He was called upon again in the wake of the Abu Ghraib prison scandal to answer tough questions about our intel programs in Iraq and work with Congress to reshape our military interrogation program. He was at the forefront of Army and Defense Department intelligence policy and execution. His experience and intellect were recognized, sought, and leveraged as a subject-matter expert within the Army, DoD, and the broader U.S. Intelligence Community.

A lawyer and proud graduate of Temple University's Beasley School, Bob provided expert advice on Intelligence Law long before Congress fully considered the ramifications of conflicting intel priorities. He engineered the process of Congressional oversight of intelligence activities, worked intricately on the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 and was frequently and regularly called upon by my colleagues for testimony at Congressional hearings. He has also served as advisor and support staff to numerous military commanders during their testimony before the House and Senate Armed Service and Intelligence committees.

But Bob was also a teacher and a mentor. For many years, the nation's youngest and brightest intel officers have studied under Bob's tutelage before taking up assignments throughout the Army staff or on Capitol Hill as Congressional Fellows.

Bob was also a professor who has shared his broad wealth of experience to better the whole of the Army. He has been a regular instructor at the Military Intelligence Battalion and Brigade Pre-Command Course that has shaped generations of Military Intelligence commanders and Command Sergeants Major. He has also been a frequent speaker at courses for young officers and enlisted personnel, preparing Military Intelligence leaders to succeed in engagements on the battlefield and in the halls of Congress. In this respect, Bob remains a strong and tireless professional.

Bob was instrumental in the establishment of critical intel programs which continue to pay huge dividends in the current fight. His efforts, particularly on Counterintelligence and Human Intelligence programs, include the introduction of advanced biometrics collection and establishment of the Human Intelligence Training Joint Center of Excellence that is housed at Fort Huachuca in my District.

As a result of Bob's vision and persistence, the Army has increased its Counter-intel and HUMINT capability by threefold, and that trend continues.

For more than a quarter century, Bob's tireless energy and enthusiasm has facilitated deep-rooted and trusting relationships between the Army and Congress. And through his hard work and determination, he has been an integral part of shaping the Army's most critical Intelligence requirements during wartime and peacetime.

As the Army seeks ways to fill the gap created by Bob's retirement, they have found it takes more than one young officer to keep up with the daily routine he so aptly maintained for so long. Bob's legacy of service and innumerable contributions to the Army, the Intelligence Community and the United States will be long-lasting and immeasurable.

I am proud to not only count him as a friend, but also honored to represent him as a constituent.

Thank you so much, Bob, and enjoy your retirement.

IN HONOR OF MR. DOMINIC CALABRO

HON. ALLEN BOYD

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. BOYD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the distinguished career of Mr. Dominic Calabro of Tallahassee, Florida, who is in his thirtieth year of public service with Florida TaxWatch, the statewide, nonpartisan, nonprofit government watchdog and research institute that has served the taxpayers of my home State of Florida for more than three decades.

Mr. Calabro was first hired as a Senior Research Analyst for Florida TaxWatch in 1980, promoted to Executive Director in 1982, and has served as the CEO of TaxWatch since 1986. He has guided the growth of TaxWatch into a dynamic, influential organization dedicated to improving government productivity and taxpayer value through research and civic engagement. TaxWatch recommendations, approximately 70 percent of which have been adopted by Florida's government, have saved billions of dollars for Florida taxpayers.

In addition to identifying and working to improve government spending in the public interest, Mr. Calabro and TaxWatch are the key players in the annual Prudential-Davis Productivity Awards, a nationally unique public-private partnership that recognizes and rewards exceptional Florida state employees whose innovative work measurably increases productivity and saves taxpayer money.

Mr. Calabro's hard work and dedication has helped Florida TaxWatch earn and maintain the respect of the state's most highly regarded and influential leaders, as well respect of the citizens of Florida and the state and national media. Mr. Calabro has received numerous honors and awards, including being named by the National Junior Chamber of Commerce as one of Ten Outstanding Young Americans for 1994, and during this same period, many Florida TaxWatch recommendations have served as the impetus for important changes to Florida budgetary and taxation policy, including the Taxpayers Bill of Rights of 1992, the Government Performance Accountability Act of 1994, the complete phase-out of the Intangibles Tax, and a recent Government Cost Savings Task Force that so far has saved the

state nearly \$3 billion to weather the current economic climate.

In addition to his many roles in government accountability, Mr. Calabro is involved in a number of community organizations, including the Florida Network of Youth and Family Services, the Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce, the United Way of the Big Bend, the Knights of Columbus, and the Board of Directors of Florida House.

Mr. Calabro is also dedicated to improvements in public education. He is on the Board of Advisors for Florida State University's Graduate School of Social Work. Mr. Calabro also serves on the Florida Education Foundation and Communities in Schools of Florida.

Mr. Calabro has been supported in all of his endeavors by his loving wife of thirty-one years, Debbie. Mr. and Mrs. Calabro are devoted to their four children, Diana, Dominic, Christina, and Danny.

I ask my distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. Calabro on his thirty years of service with Florida TaxWatch, and to wish him nothing but the best in his future endeavors.

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES TO PAKISTANI PEOPLE AFTER FLOODS

SPEECH OF

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 15, 2010

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, as a co-chair of the Congressional Pakistan Caucus and co-sponsor, I rise in strong support of House Resolution 1613. I am deeply concerned about the humanitarian tragedy unfolding in Pakistan due to the recent historic floods and hope that this resolution will bring much-needed attention to the plight of the Pakistanis. I am always moved and inspired by the generosity of the American people when they hear about those in need around the world and I believe that the United States should do everything possible to help expedite the flow of U.S. and international aid supplies and workers into the region.

We must do everything possible to help expedite the flow of U.S. and international aid supplies and workers into the region. I believe that we should immediately reprogram funds from the Enhanced Partnership with Pakistan Act of 2009, which were initially set aside for democracy building, into the relief effort. This way we can have an immediate impact without spending a single additional taxpayer dollar. While food shortages and instances of water-borne disease continue to spread, we must act quickly and decisively. The generosity of the American people has been commendable. Let's make it count by acting as swiftly and competently as possible.

We are currently fighting extremists throughout the region of South Asia, extremists who propagate the lie that Americans are out to destroy the Muslim way of life. Now we have an unprecedented opportunity to prove that this couldn't be further from the truth by helping the Pakistanis when they need it most. The U.S. response to the 2005 earthquake in Pakistan led to a short-term increase in positive public opinion of the United States in

Pakistan and I know that a similar response to this, a much larger tragedy, is sure to have an even greater influence in the hearts and minds of people.

PROTECT HUMAN RIGHTS IN CON DAU

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to once again raise the issue of human rights. In January 2010, the Government of Vietnam sent police and government officials into a village to force parishioners and families to sign an agreement to sell their land. In April 2010, a 73-year-old parishioner named Le Van Sinh was hit with tear gas and fell unconscious. In May 2010, parishioner Mrs. Dang Thi Tan passed away and was met with extreme violence and 300 armed police officers and special anti-riot troops while her friends and family tried to bury her in the Con Dau cemetery. During the ceremony, the police attempted to seize the casket. The diocese of Da Nang also reported that Mr. Nam Nguyen, a parishioner of Con Dau was arrested, threatened and beaten to death.

Are these the actions of a country that respects human rights? The same country that committed these horrendous violations was taken off the Country of Particular Concern (CPC) list because the Department of State felt they had progressed in respecting religious freedom. The same country that detained these individuals for peacefully exercising their freedom of speech is a non-permanent member of the United Nations Security Council.

How can we identify Vietnam as an international partner when it is unable to respect and recognize the basic fundamental ideas of democracy and freedom? Vietnam must be put back on the CPC list and challenged by the U.S. government to improve and promote human rights in order to further United States-Vietnam relations.

I urge the Department of State to seriously address the human rights violations occurring in Con Dao. I also urge my colleagues to support the appointment of a Special Rapporteur on Human Rights in Vietnam to investigate the ongoing human rights violations happening in Con Dau by becoming a cosponsor of House Resolution 1572.

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today in celebration of this week's anniversary of independence of numerous Latin American countries, of our country's Hispanic Heritage Month, and in special recognition of Latinos in my district and throughout our country.

On September 15, five Latin American countries commemorate their independence, including Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala,

Honduras, and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16 and September 18, respectively. I join these nations in mutual celebration of liberty, democracy and freedom, values which we share dearly.

I am proud that my district is the home of thousands of Hispanic or Latino descent. This community is comprised of individuals who cherish their various ethnicities and national origins. And yet, the Hispanic-American community is united by the importance that they place on faith, family, hard work, and the hope of sharing in a better America.

Madam Speaker, it is in this spirit of national unity that I join you in commemorating Hispanic Heritage Month.

HONORING BILL GRAFF

HON. STEVE DRIEHAUS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. DRIEHAUS. Madam Speaker, last weekend, a shining light went out in the City of Norwood, Ohio when Bill Graff passed away.

Before he moved to Norwood eight years ago, Bill was one of the millions of Americans whose work formed the backbone of our nation. He retired from General Motors after a career that took him from his native Michigan to Tennessee.

It was after he retired that Bill brought his charisma and commitment to Norwood, and spent the last years of his life changing that city for the better. In the relatively short time he called Norwood home, Bill Graff wove himself into the fabric of that community. Whether carrying out a restoration that breathed new life into one of Norwood's magnificent older buildings, leading the charge to get new equipment for Norwood's police and first responders, or brainstorming about their next project with Vivian, his wife of 45 years, Bill was always looking for new ways to give back and strengthen the bonds that hold Norwood together.

Through his tireless actions, Bill showed us that community means more than just a group of people sharing a street or a neighborhood. He showed us that community is built upon service to one another, concern for our neighbors and our children, and a dedication to improving the lives of those around us as well as our own families.

Especially in these tough times, we look at Bill's life as an example of what a single person can do to lift up so many others. He will be dearly missed.

MEDIA GIVES FAR MORE MONEY TO DEMOCRATS THAN REPUBLICANS

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, for a revealing example of the national media's liberal bias, just follow the money.

During the 2010 election cycle, journalists have given to Democrats over Republicans by